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WITH SILICIDE FILMS THEREON

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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the October 10, 2003 Office Action.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims appear in the listing of claims that begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 6.